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## Letter to Philander Chase

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Manchester July 31 - 1824

My Dear friend

Let me first caution you against  
expecting too much from this letter, and tell you  
it is only a fortnight since you sailed; and as  
you will most probably not read it in less  
than 3 Months from the time you left me, I must  
tell you it will contain only a fortnight's news.  
During this short period many letters have passed  
between Lord Henry and myself, and that  
good man is as much interested as ever. Yet  
Mr. Marriott and Miss Macfarlane are doing  
all they can to promote your good cause,  
and I hope their exertions will be attended  
with some success. Lord K. says in his last  
letter to me that the Oxford Subscription was  
then £436 which is much more than was  
expected. We are preparing for Liverpool when  
the Rector and Mr. Brooks return, and to aid  
us there Lord K. has just sent me a letter  
from the Lord Bishop of St. David, in which he  
mentioned you and the cause in the following  
words: "The See of this stands much more in need  
of public aid than mine did 20 years ago  
I have happily succeeded in my endeavors greatly  
beyond my expectations & I most cordially wish  
him equal success. I am persuaded that the  
cause of true religion is deeply concerned in his  
success. I do not know that I ever with any  
one whose simplicity of character gave me a



stronger impression of pure personal piety than the  
good Bishop of Ohio. The Bishop of Southern thinks  
very highly of him. Lord K informs me the Arch  
Bishop of York has sent his name to be added to the  
list of subscribers, and says it was delayed by his  
having been told, or I daresay before he left London, that  
he understood you had agreed to make common cause  
with Bp. Hobart & Mr. Wheaton, and had afterwards  
retracted. Lord K has set him right in this matter,  
and Mr. Watson desires having told him so.  
Lord K justly observes, there is some mystery that I  
cannot make out yet & he also says of the Archbishop  
of Canterbury's delay we have on every account much reason  
to complain. If it has arisen from doubt, application  
should have been made to our good Bishop to remove  
those doubts. If from carelessness, the cause is not  
one which should have been so treated; If from  
dislike to the cause, we have then, if possible,  
more reason to complain that such a cause should  
be so unjustly regarded. I sent Lord Kenyon the contents  
of my letter to you respecting the investment of the  
fund, and my willingness to take a joint interest in  
the purchase if desired to do so, and he has caused  
his co-trustees to be informed of it. I do not expect any  
instructions will be given here, or that any thing further  
will be done till we hear from you. My opinion  
is the same, and I see no reason why the inappropri-  
ate subscription made in America should not be now  
applied to the support of the school, till other aids  
can be procured. I think something will be raised



in America, and that a small annual Subscription  
may be procured here, for the purpose of aiding you to  
defray the expenses of the Seminary, so as to leave  
the English fund untouched for some years. If this  
should fail, or partly so, something might be borrow-  
ed, or otherwise raised, upon the land which will  
belong to the institution. This will be the best plan if  
you should feel satisfied that the institution will  
benefit more by a purchase of land, than of stock.  
It strikes me that the best plan will be to begin the  
school in your own house, and to defray the expenses  
out of the old subscription, or a new one to be raised  
in America, and to take time to determine about  
making a purchase, and after wards to regulate  
your proceedings as may be most expedient.  
I will contribute something every year for the present,  
and so will Lord Kerryon, and I think we may  
raise from 500 to 1000 dollars a year towards  
defraying the expenses of the school, among a few  
of us who feel most desirous to assist you -  
I merely suggest these matters for your considera-  
tion, not for a guide, but they may serve to  
strengthen your own plans. I have just received  
another letter from Lord Kerryon informing me  
that he had authority to add the Arch Bishop  
of Canterbury to our subscription list for £25. The Arch  
Bp of York subscribed the same. The Lord Bishop of Bangor  
has sent £25.0.0. With this I send you a letter  
from Lady Olivia Sparrow, and am pleased to see  
that she proposes to assist you hereafter. I dare say she  
will subscribe something annually.



I also send you a letter from the Rev. Mr. Daly, and if I have desired some appeals, State  
ments may be sent as he has directed —

August 7<sup>th</sup> - I have just received a letter from Lord Kenyon enclosing a letter from Dr. Gaskin in which is the following: I have had much intercourse with Bishop Chase in London, and having minutely investigated the nature & the circumstances, of his recent application in England for pecuniary aid towards establishing a Seminary for Clerical education, in his Diocese, I am anxious to affirm, that I consider the Venerable Bishop to be as correct, and orthodox a Prelate as ever credited the Christian Church, and that his object in view, respecting the proposed Seminary, is as good & righteous an object, as one Christian Prelate was engaged in; that the same is in perfect accordance with the Canons & constitution of the American Episcopal Church, which appears to be a legitimate Daughter of the Church of England, and that any aid that can be procured hence, towards the furtherance & establishment of that Seminary will be well bestowed.

Prayers were read for you in some of our churches on Sunday last, and hitherto much interest has been felt for your safety and success. I think there will be raised £40 or more at Boston where we went before arriving at Peel Hall, independent of Mrs. Kenyon's and £10 that I had collected there before. The town is but a small one, and the amt is fair for its size.



Miss Masfardane says Lady Rope was much  
 pleased with you, but that you took her by surprise  
 and she was so nervous that she scarcely knew how  
 she received you. She had fancied you were a much  
 older man, with a thin face, and your first  
 appearance before her, being so totally differ-  
 ent from her expectations, she was quite over-  
 come. She is a steady friend and will do more  
 for Ohio next year, I have no doubt. She sent her  
 remembrance to me and requested I would write to her,  
 which I intend to do, when I can communicate  
 something interesting. This will give me an  
 opportunity of reminding her of the cause & keep-  
 ing her interested in its progress. I hope you will  
 sometimes write to her. I hope you will always  
 take care to say how much you value the  
 unity & harmony of the Church, when you write  
 to your best friends here, for I assure you it will  
 have a most favourable influence on the  
 minds of all. Do not forget to write to Miss  
 & Mr. Masfardane, and say much to her on that  
 point, for she can do as much good as any one,  
 and will communicate all you say to Lady  
 Rope, and to many of your most valuable  
 friends. If you inclose your letter <sup>to her</sup> to Lord Kenyon  
 she will get it without expense. All your letters  
 & parcels should be sent first to Mr. Hodgson, as foreign  
 letters are not entitled to the privilege of being franked.



6.

We are all of us desirous of your communications but know you will have much to do, at home, & therefore we must make allowance for your engagements, and be as indulgent as possible. I will however request you to inform me of every thing of much importance for your friends to know here, that I may make known your progress & in that way preserve that interest in your cause which has already been excited, which will be of much importance as respects future support. I do not expect general subscriptions will be made, but I will give something, & will Lord Kenyon, & I expect Lady Roper Lady Olivia Sparrow, Lord Gербис and a few others will also subscribe. Expect observations on the "remarks" will come out soon. We say Bishop Hobart was the only opposing Bishop. The others merely disapproved of your plan, but neither opposed you nor threatened opposition. This fact justifies your publication of Bishop Hobart's letter, and <sup>your</sup> selecting him as the author of the opposition in America. That you only delivered 3 or 4 copies of your letter to Mr White in England before you arrived in London & that Bishop Hobart issued his notes before you arrived there, and that they were prepared in anticipation. You arrived at Liverpool on the 3. Nov. at Perth on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the letter was sent to Dr Smith on the 8<sup>th</sup> & to Mr Johnson on 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> and you arrived in



London on the 17<sup>th</sup> Bishop Hobart's notes were dated Nov  
13<sup>th</sup> There are considered the only points of much importance  
and we think you are here triumphant. We say these  
notes were Handwritten. Dr. Stewart's meritorious services  
cannot be admitted as evidence that other Bishops  
in the United States <sup>bishops or</sup> have been as active as you have  
nor do we admit that an inspection of the  
map of other Dioceses, proves that their Bishops  
have traveled over them as you have done -  
These points are of but little importance but they  
may serve to show with <sup>what</sup> ~~out~~ the remarks were  
drawn up. - These remarks will do you no harm  
but all their venom will recoil upon the Author.  
Bishop H is more censured for this publication  
than any fermesene, for there is no doubt of his being  
the Author, and they prove that he has violated the  
truce, and that he is not a man of peace. - We  
rejoiced to hear of your safe arrival and happy meeting  
with Mr. C here, and the rest of your family. We  
sincerely hope your life will be prolonged, and blessed  
with good health, that you may be enabled to render  
those important services to the Church which your  
plans are designed to accomplish. I am happy to  
inform you we are all well and living as you  
left us. I have frequent enquiries after you from  
your friends in Manchester & elsewhere & all rejoice  
that so much success has attended you. Prayers were  
offered up for you in some of our Churches after you  
left us and with great sincerity. I hope you will believe  
that we shall always feel a deep interest in your welfare.



and in the good cause in Ohio. Mrs W & Andrew unite  
in our kindest regards to you & Mrs Chase & remain  
my dear friend ever most faithfully yours  
J. Wiggins

J. Wiggins  
October 29<sup>th</sup>  
1824  
Answered

~~The Right Rev Bishop Chase~~  
~~and J. D. Wiggins~~  
~~Washington~~  
~~Ohio~~

R. Vestor

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